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SUBJ: POLITICAL PARTIES REACT TO MYONGDONG WINDUP

1. EVEN BEFORE INK WAS DRY ON SUPREME COURT OPINION ON MYONG-DONG CASE (SEPTEL), NDP POLITICAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL WAS MEETING ON MARCH 22 TO PLAN PARTY REACTION STATEMENT AND DISCUSS WHAT IT COULD DO TO COMPENSATE FOR LOSS OF CHONG IL-JYONG'S NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SEAT. GROUP REGISTERED "SHOCK AND ANGER," SAYING SUCH JUDGMENT OF COURT LACKED COMMON SENSE AND DISREGARDED PUBLIC DESIRE FOR LAST KOREAN STRONGHOLD FOR PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND IT HAD VOLUNTARILY ABANDONED ITS SACRED DUTY." HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERN IS ARISING WORLDWIDE, STATEMENT CONTINUED, AND THIS VERDICT CAN ONLY HURT ROK IN EYE OF INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION. NDP, HOWEVER, INDICATED IT WOULD STILL "STRUGGLE ON". ESPECIFICALLY, NDP PLANS MEETINGS THROUGH WEEK WITH PARTY CAUCUS TO BE HELD ON MARCH 24 WHICH YI CHOL-SUNG WILL JOIN. HE IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO SEOUL EVENING OF MARCH 23RD.

2. DRP NOTED COURT DECISION WAS IN LINE WITH PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY BEFORE KOREAN LAW AND THAT PRISONERS WOULD NOW  
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HAVE TIME TO REPENT. YUCHONGHOE SAW COURT'S OPINION AS STEP TO BOLSTER LAW AND ORDER IN COUNTRY, NOTING THAT HUMAN RIGHTS OF DEFENDANTS WERE WELL PROTECTED DURING LONG COURSE OF TRIAL.  
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